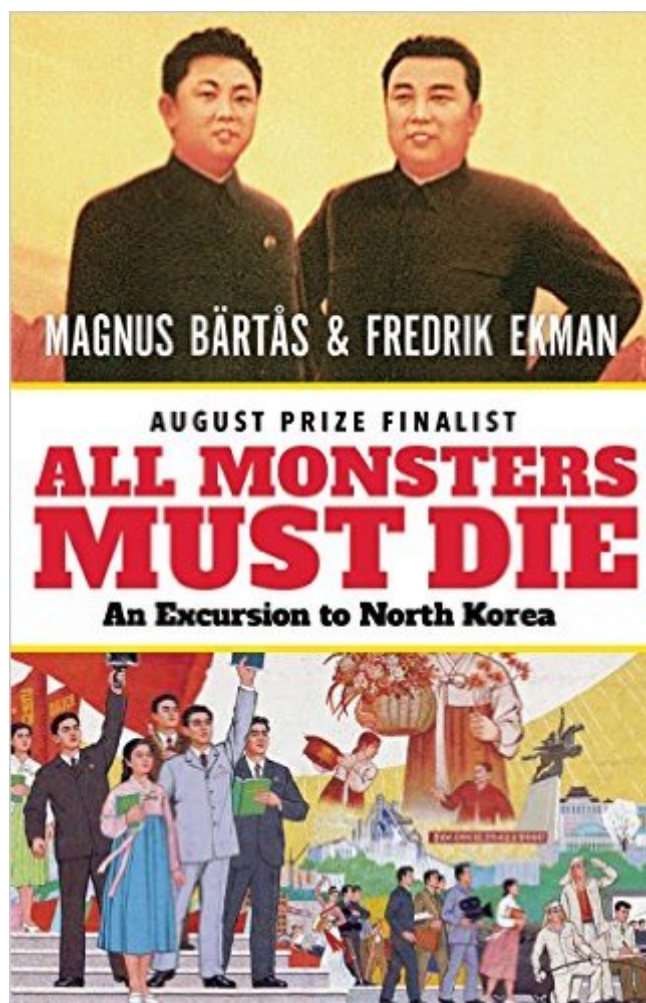


The book was found

# All Monsters Must Die: An Excursion To North Korea



## Synopsis

A finalist for the prestigious August Prize, *All Monsters Must Die* is the story of North Korea, past and present, offering a rare and fascinating window into the most isolated country in the world. In 1948, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is founded by General Kim Il-sung. In 1978, North Korea celebrates the 30th anniversary of its founding, and Kim Jong-il, who at the time is the head of the Propaganda and Agitation Department, orders the kidnapping of the greatest South Korean movie star, the actress Madame Choi, and her ex-husband, the famous film director Shin Sang-ok. In 2008, North Korea celebrates its 60th anniversary, and authors Magnus Bærtun and Fredrik Ekman take a bizarre, heavily guided tour to the world's most isolated country. Bærtun and Ekman weave together these three stories to create a mosaic of North Korea, past and present: from the Japanese occupation to the demarcation of the border at the 38th parallel and the Korean War, the development of North Korean Juche ideology, the establishment of the Kim dynasty's cult of personality, and the aggressive manufacturing of political propaganda, which motivated the kidnapping of South Korea's most famous film couple.

## Book Information

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: House of Anansi Press (January 12, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1770898808

ISBN-13: 978-1770898806

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.8 x 8.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.9 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (3 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,629,085 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #206 in [Books > History > Asia > Korea > North](#) #1661 in [Books > Travel > Asia > General](#) #6667 in [Books > Travel > Travel Writing](#)

## Customer Reviews

*All Monsters Must Die: An Excursion to North Korea* by Magnus Bærtun and Fredrik Ekman (translated by Saskia Vogel) is about two Swedes' visit to the DPRK in 2008. Bærtun and Ekman spent eight days in the North and this is their brief travel diary. I recalled everything about their trip from my own time there. Since I spent eighteen days in the North I feel spoiled by the things I got to see that the authors didn't, and while I certainly shared laughs over the same

experiences (and I am convinced the authors and I encountered some of the same officials and tour guides on our respective trips) I felt I could have done a better job writing a travel story. An eight-day trip was too short to get into because it's over before you know it. BÃ¼rtÃ¶fÂ¥s and Ekman and I shared the same experiences with disobedient fellow travellers threatening the travel plans for the entire group. In my small group of sixteen, there were four who were under the watchful eye of the guides for taking unauthorized photos. Most of us, however, had proved our obedience to the rules, and were able to photograph whatever we wanted. However, when BÃ¼rtÃ¶fÂ¥s and Ekman's group left the DPRK: "The agents rummage through our luggage. Our camera is inspected. The customs officers look at all the pictures on the digital cameras. Pictures that are not suitable are deleted, but it happens randomly. No one gets to keep pictures of ox-drawn carts--that might imply the country is behind in its development." So I suppose no one got to keep the oxcart picture such as the ones that I took. You may find these pictures on my own DPRK travel blog. The authors raved about Guy Delisle's graphic novel *Pyongyang: A Journey in North Korea* and I'm glad they gave a plug for his book.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

All Monsters Must Die: An Excursion to North Korea North Korea: The Definitive Guide to Understanding the Hermit Kingdom (history of Korea, division of Korea, real north Korea, escape from North Korea, kim jong un, kim jong il, nuclear weapons) Forty Plus and Fancy Free: The gay excursion of youthful grandmothers romping through Paris and Italy and "doing" the Coronation Here's Looking at Euclid: A Surprising Excursion Through the Astonishing World of Math North of the DMZ: Essays on Daily Life in North Korea Top Trails: Yosemite: Must-Do Hikes for Everyone (Top Trails: Must-Do Hikes) HBR's 10 Must Reads on Emotional Intelligence (with featured article "What Makes a Leader?" by Daniel Goleman)(HBR's 10 Must Reads) Fighting Ships of the Far East (2): Japan and Korea AD 612-1639: Japan and Korea AD 612-1639 v. 2 (New Vanguard) USN/USMC Over Korea: U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Air Operations Over Korea 1950-53 - Aircraft Specials series (6048) Neotectonics of North America: Decade Map Volume to Accompany the Neotectonic Maps, Part of the Continent-Scale Maps of North America (Geology of North America) 1001 Whiskies You Must Taste Before You Die (1001 (Universe)) 1001 Beers You Must Taste Before You Die (1001 (Universe)) 1001 Wines You Must Taste Before You Die Alex Crossed Must Die!: A Parody of the Alex Cross Novels by James Patterson 1001 Books You Must Read Before You Die: Revised and Updated Edition This Idea Must Die: Scientific Theories That Are Blocking Progress (Edge Question Series) Epic Spots: The Places You Must Skate Before You Die Beckett Racing Collectibles & Die-Cast Price Guide (Beckett Racing Collectibles and Die-Cast Price Guide)

Standard Catalog Of Die-Cast Vehicles: Identification And Values, Revised Edition (Standard Catalog of Die-Cast Vehicles) Racing Die-Cast Collectibles : The Industry's Most Comprehensive Pricing and Checklists of Die-Cast Cars and Accessories

[Dmca](#)